

Old Town Historical Committee
November 9, 2009
Monday

6:00 PM
Minutes

Call to order: Mr. Jarvis called the meeting to order at 5:59pm

Roll Call: Present for roll call were Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Deeds and Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry.

Also, in attendance was Mr. Garrett (Main Street Program), Mr. Garvin (Main Street Program), Mayor Ebert, Mr. Strayer, Mr. Ippolliti, Mr. Peoples and Mr. Note (Landmarks)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry moved to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2009 meeting; seconded by Mr. Deeds with a small change.

VOTE: **AYES:** **Mr. Jarvis, Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry, Mr. Deeds**

NAYS:

Motion carried.

Pended Items:

06-01 Interurban Building Update

Mr. Jarvis stated that the students from the Eastland Fairfield Career center have finished up their work on paving and landscaping around the Interurban. It looks great. Mr. Garvin stated that the instructors from the Career center told him that they were impressed with all the information the students were able to learn within the scope of one project. Mr. Jarvis thanked Mayor Ebert and staff for providing lunch for them while they worked on the building. Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Garvin and the Mayor have been invited to speak to the Eastland Fairfield Career Center Board to give them an overview of the project and present them with a Proclamation for their efforts.

Benches will be available soon as seating around the building and it is hoped that sponsors will be found for those.

09-03 Old Town Preservation Guidelines Supplement

Public Hearing was held 11-2-09 along with first reading of ordinance and it was well-received. Mr. Jarvis thanked everyone that was involved with it for their help.

09-04 Murals for Downtown

Mr. Strayer stated that he has researched this and it could be fairly expensive. There is also the option of getting the materials donated and working with the high school or the art studio across the street. Permission of the property owners must be granted as soon as it is decided to go along with it. Mr. Strayer stated that they have some concerns with using the side of the eye doctor's office for the mural.

Mr. Jarvis again suggested a councilman from Lithopolis that paints murals. He would like to have him give us an estimate of the cost and usability of the various sites. At that point, property owners could be engaged. Mr. Strayer will speak with that gentleman.

09-05 Town Hall Windows Update

This project includes ALL 36 windows in the building. We have received approval to solicit RFPs from Architects with the appropriate historical certificate. Answers to the RFP are due on November 9th. Review and selection by OHP and the Village will follow.

Mr. Jarvis asked about what would be historically accurate for the windows. The Historical Society will be asked for any pictures to give guidance.

Mr. Peoples stated that the architect will be able to tell us what glass we can and should use. We will have to follow what the Secretary of the Interior of the United States tells us to do. If it is subject to a decision, it will come back in front of Old Town.

Mr. Note stated that Landmark standards or Preservation standards state that if glass is considered to be historic (50 years old or older), it has to be replaced like for like.

The grant has already been awarded for \$24,032.00. It should have been for 70% of the job, but it will not cover 70% of the project. The Village had budgeted \$35,000 for the project in 2009. Mr. Jarvis asked if the project doesn't start by the end of this year, will the money still be there. Mr. Peoples stated he will have to ask Ms. Osborn how that will work.

New Items for Discussion

Mr. Deeds stated that the light is still blinking and Mr. Peoples stated that the clock light is still having problems.

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry asked about the Village's stance on businesses having sandwiches boards along the side of the street. Mr. Strayer stated that they aren't allowed to place anything other than right in front of their property. Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry asked Mr. Strayer to remind the business owner that they need to remove their signs.

Old Business:

None at this time.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry moved to adjourn this meeting of the Old Town Committee and was seconded by Mr. Deeds.

VOTE: **AYES:** **Mr. Jarvis, Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry, Mr. Deeds**

NAYS:

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33pm